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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

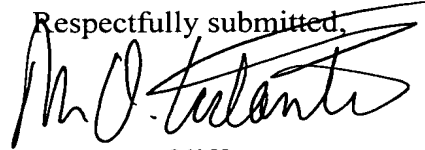
In response to the Restriction/Election of Species Requirement dated October 24, 2001, Applicant hereby elects the Species of claims 104-157. As indicated in the Restriction/Election Requirement, claims 104-157 are generic. The election is made with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all pending claims is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions." (emphasis added).

Applicant respectfully submits that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicant, and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

The Examiner is requested to consider the information enclosed with the attached Information Disclosure Statement, as well as the information disclosed with the Information Disclosure Statement filed with this application on June 15, 2001.

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